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For : METHOD FOR GRINDING WATER-SUSPENDED PAPER FIBERS OR
CELLULOSE FIBERS

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. Sections 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, Applicant hereby submits the following document for the Examiner's consideration which was cited in a Search Report conducted in International Application No. PCT/EP2004/012762, which is a counterpart of the above-captioned application. Applicant notes that a copy of the Search Report has been previously submitted on June 9, 2006, and therefore, a copy will not be enclosed herewith. In particular, the International Examiner cited:

(1) U.S. Patent No. 4,685,623 issued August 11, 1987 to CLARK. Applicant notes that this document is also cited in the instant application, beginning on page 2, paragraph 1 of the literal English language translation.

The above-cited document is listed on the enclosed completed copy of the PTO-1449 Form. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to consider this document and to

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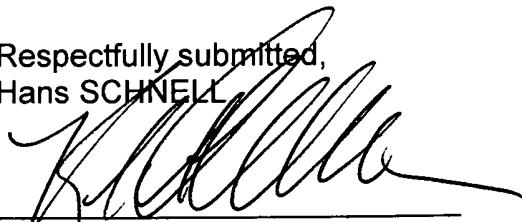
Moreover, pursuant to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's decision to waive the requirement under 37 C.F.R 1.98 (a)(2)(i), copies of the cited/listed U.S. patents and U.S. published patent applications are not enclosed herewith. Moreover, if any copies are needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicant notes that while this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed more than three months from the filing date, Applicant has not received a first action on the merits from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Accordingly, consideration of the enclosed document is required under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(b)(3).

However, if the first action on the merit has been mailed prior to the filing date of this Information Disclosure Statement, Applicant hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fees necessary to ensure consideration of the documents cited herein to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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